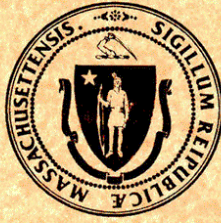


THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



A PROCLAMATION



BY HIS EXCELLENCY
GOVERNOR MITT ROMNEY

Whereas The Massachusetts Performance Recognition Program was established to encourage and reward the exemplary performances of state and local employees; and

Whereas For the past twenty-two years, the Massachusetts Performance Recognition Program has served to underscore excellence in state and local governments; and

Whereas The Massachusetts Performance Recognition Program encourages talented state and local workers to excel, and is a model program for other states across the nation; and

Whereas On October 28th, 2005, the Massachusetts Performance Recognition Program will host its annual awards luncheon and honor the recipients of the Manuel Carballo Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service, the Eugene H. Rooney, Jr. Public Service Award and the recipients of Commonwealth of Massachusetts citations for outstanding performance,

Now, Therefore, I, Mitt Romney, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim October 28th, 2005, to be

PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION DAY IN MASSACHUSETTS

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty-eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand and five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and twenty-ninth.

By His Excellency

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mitt Romney".

MITT ROMNEY
Governor of the Commonwealth

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William F. Galvin".

WILLIAM F. GALVIN
Secretary of the Commonwealth

GOD SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS